

Legislative Reference Service

NO. 4A

CODE ENFORCEMENT

H-8179 STATE BUILDING AND FIRE CODE (McCauley & Others) This act would amend the Rhode Island State Building Code by providing for the establishment of rehabilitation building and fire code for existing buildings and structures. Corporations

H-8180 LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIALS (Menard) This act would amend the provisions of the law related to the qualifications and pretesting program affecting the local building officials and local inspectors. Corporations

H-8207 LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIALS (Menard) This act would amend the provisions of the law related to the qualification, certification and continuing education programs affecting the local building officials and local inspectors. Corporations

S-2885 STATE BUILDING AND FIRE CODE (Kelly & Others) This act would amend the Rhode Island State Building Code by providing for the establishment of rehabilitation building and fire code for existing buildings and structures. Special Legislation

EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS

H-8173 PRIVATE SCHOOLS (Carter) This act would exempt any institution of education established by a special act of the General Assembly prior to January 1, 1987, from the provisions of Sections 16-40-1 through 16-40-9 with the exception of Section 16-40-3. Finance

H-8236 HYPODERMIC INSTRUMENTS ON SCHOOL PREMISES (Savage & Others) This act would prohibit a student from carrying, possessing or using hypodermic instruments on school property without the written consent of the principal or his/her designee or of the school in which the student is enrolled. H.E.W.

S-2922 PRIVATE SCHOOLS (Roney & Irons) This act would exempt any institution of education established by a special act of the General Assembly prior to January 1, 1987, from the provisions of Sections 16-40-1 through 16-40-9 with the exception 16-40-3. H.E.W.

S-2938 CURRICULUM (Raptakis & Others) This act would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop curricular material on genocide and human rights violations and issues, including, the transatlantic slave trade, the great hunger in Ireland, the Armenian Genocide, the Holocaust and Mussolini's Fascist Regime. H.E.W.

ENVIRONMENT

H-8048 RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (Russo & Voccola) This act would require the Resource Recovery Corporation to turn over any surplus realized in any given year to the host community of each landfill. Corporations

H-8050 CENTRAL LANDFILL (Garabedian & Others) This act would create a 19-member central landfill region oversight council and would further provide all powers and duties and functions of the council. Finance

H-8066 PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES (Benoit) This act would update the definition of operator, add the definitions of non-community

water system and non-community non-transient water system, and would bring the requirements for state certification parallel to the federal EPA standards. H.E.W.

H-8199 PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY (Moura & Others) This act would require all cities and towns with a community water system serving 10,000 or more to deliver a full copy of the Consumer Confidence Report to each household within the water system's service area that receives water from the system. Water Resources

S-2877 REFUSE DISPOSAL (Irons & Others) This act would require the Department of Environmental Management to make unannounced inspections of processing and recycling facilities on a quarterly basis. Corporations

S-2960 TRASH HAULERS (Tocco & Igliozi) This act would enable a city/town where a landfill is located to, by ordinance, issue licenses to any trash haulers dumping at said landfill and impose a fee for the issuance of a license. Corporations

FINANCE AND TAXATION

S-2860 VETERANS' BENEFITS (Issa) This act would move back the date that defines Vietnam service from December 22, 1961 to February 28, 1961. Veterans Affairs

LABOR RELATIONS

H-8205 ARBITRATION OF LABOR CONTROVERSIES (Moura) This act would give an arbitrator the authority to consider the existence of a past practice between parties to a collective bargaining agreement under certain circumstances. This act would also provide for the payment of attorney's fees by the losing party to a motion to stay and/or enjoin arbitration. Labor

LIQUOR CONTROL AND LICENSES

H-8158 SECOND-HAND DEALERS (Rabideau) This act would limit the power of town and city councils to issue and revoke licenses for second-hand dealers by restricting their power to impose conditions to those which reasonably promote the public health, safety, and general welfare. Corporations

H-8168 HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS (Carter & George) This act would provide that all hawkers and peddlers having a license to sell food and/or beverages shall be off the streets between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights and the nights before state holidays. Corporations

H-8169 HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS (Carter & George) This act would provide that all hawkers and peddlers shall be off the streets between 2:45 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and state holidays. Corporations

S-2882 SUNDAY BUSINESS (Ruggerio & Others) This act would allow retail establishments to open for business on Sundays between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Corporations

PUBLIC SAFETY: POLICE AND FIRE

H-8058 FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS (Carter & Others) This act would amend the provisions regarding fire alarm systems by requiring that such systems be upgraded as required by law not later than June 30, 2001. Labor

H-8084 FIRE EQUIPMENT (Giannini & Others) This act would establish a fire equipment safety commission. Finance

H-8107 FORFEITURE OF MOTOR VEHICLES (Kelley & Others) This act allows state and local law enforcement agencies to seize and sell motor vehicles operated by repeat violators of drunk driving laws. Judiciary

H-8146 STRIP-SEARCHES OF DETAINEES (Kennedy & Others) This act would codify the standards necessary to conduct strip searches and body cavity searches. Judiciary

S-2879 FIRE PROTECTION PLANS (Irons & Others) This act requires construction and demolition debris processing facilities to have their fire protection plans approved by the municipality in which they are located in order to operate. Corporations

RETIREMENT

H-8038 PURCHASE OF SERVICE CREDITS (Moura) This act would permit teachers, state employees and municipal employees to purchase service credits in 6 month intervals, rather than in one lump sum. Finance

H-8039 RETIREMENT BOARD (Moura) This act would add one (1) retired teacher to the Retirement Board to be elected by retired teachers of the system. Finance

H-8075 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (Jacquard & Others) This act would increase the years of service necessary for a Cranston police officer or firefighter to have the option to either remain in the Cranston pension plan or contribute to the State of Rhode Island. Corporations

TOWN AND CITY CLERKS

H-8108 LAND EVIDENCE COURT (George & Others) This act would create a land evidence court. Judiciary

MISCELLANEOUS

H-8130 TOWN HOUSING AUTHORITIES (Menard & Others) This act would increase the commissioners of Town Housing Authorities to seven (7),

and provide that in the Town of Lincoln at least one (1) member shall be a resident of a public housing facility. Corporations

H-8153 PERSONAL WIRELESS SERVICE FACILITIES (Kelley & Others) This act would establish a master plan for the orderly deployment of personal wireless service facilities in communities throughout the state. Corporations

S-2862 PERSONAL WATERCRAFT REGULATIONS (Walsh & Others) This act would authorize cities and towns to regulate, by ordinance, the operation of personal watercraft on bodies of water within their jurisdictions. The Department of Environmental Management would also be authorized to regulate operations in the absence of city/town regulation. Regulatory actions shall be subject to review through the DEM administrative adjudication process. Corporations